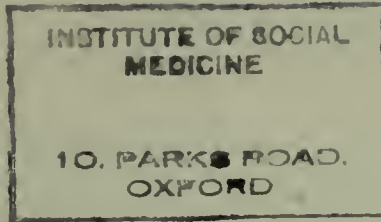


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No changes or modifications in the County's School Health Service Scheme took place during the year, although, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, hospital and specialist treatment had automatically been transferred from the Education Authority to the Regional Hospital Board. Tonsil and Adenoid operations and the prescribing of spectacles for school children continued to be carried out by the specialists previously appointed by the County Council, though the latter were no longer responsible for the payment of fees.

The Dental Service was maintained satisfactorily; and in this respect Rutland was better off than many larger Counties whose Dental Officers transferred to the Health Service.

The School Nurse, Mrs. J. Wright S.R.N., resigned at the end of the year for personal reasons.

The sanitary conditions prevailing at many of the schools are unsatisfactory; and can only be effectively remedied by the provision of better water supplies in the County generally.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Number of children on Registers - Primary Schools	:	1683
Number of Primary Schools	:	34
Number of children on Registers - Secondary Schools	:	723
Number of Secondary Schools	:	4

MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

The age-groups subjected to periodic medical inspections are prescribed in the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1948. The number of children examined during the year 1949 was as follows:-

(5 years)	Entrants	364
(10/11 years)	Second age group	310
(14/15 years)	Third age group	191
		<u>865</u>
	Specials	<u>12</u>
		<u>877</u>

Of the total of 865 children examined at Routine Medical Inspections 739 parents were present- an average of 85.5%, which shows an increase of 7.5% on last year's figure of 78%.

General Condition.

The classifications according to general nutrition: ('A' Good; 'B' Fair; and 'C' Poor) during the year 1949 were :-

	A		B		C		Totals
	No.	% of total	No.	% of total	No.	% of total	
Entrants	19	5.2	338	93.4	7	1.9	364
Second Age Group	29	9.3	270	87.1	11	3.5	310
Third Age Group	5	2.6	152	79.5	34	17.8	191
	53	6.1	760	87.8	52	6.0	865

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS.

Visual.

Refraction Clinics were held when necessary at the four Secondary Schools in the County: Oakham, Uppingham, Gt. Casterton and Cottesmore.

During the year six sessions were held and 60 children examined.

Number of spectacles prescribed : 32.

Number of spectacles delivered : 10.

Naso-pharyngeal.

21 cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoids received operative treatment during the year either at the Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham; or the Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford.

Orthopaedic.

These were referred to the Manfield Orthopaedic Out-patient Clinic at the Peterborough Memorial Hospital as formerly.

CLEANLINESS.

Regular periodic visits were made to the schools by the School Nurse and children examined for cleanliness.

The parents of children found to be infested were visited by the School Nurse and advised how to deal with the condition; and where necessary suitable cleansing preparations were supplied free of charge. It was not considered necessary to take statutory action during the year.

5266 examinations were made by the school nurse during 1949 for cleanliness. 114 children were found to have heads infested by nits or pediculi.

Minor ailments: 172 children were treated by the School Nurse for miscellaneous injuries (e.g. bruises, sores, chilblains etc.) Only two cases of impetigo were treated during the year.

MILK IN SCHOOLS SCHEME.

The number of children having milk in schools showed a very pleasing increase on the figures for 1948, viz: 1592; as against 1340.

The designation of the milk supplied was as follows :-

Tuberculin Tested	:	5	schools
Pastourised	:	15	"
Accredited	:	7	"
Non-designated	:	2	"
National Dried Milk	:	4	"

24 schools received their milk in 1/3-pint bottles.

3 schools did not provide school milk.

SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE.

School dinners are provided in 19 chschools; and the average number of children having them during 1949 was 970 as against 964 in 1948. Free meals were provided in 20 cases, (18 in 1948).

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year a large number of visits were paid to the schools forfor the purpose of giving re-inforcing doses to children who had been immunised in infancy; and at the same time assuring that children who had not previously been immunised received protective injections.

Number of Primary immunisations completed	:	68
Number of Primary immunisations who had had one injection	:	38
Number of children who had re-inforcing doses	:	905

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Routine inspections and treatments were carried out by the School Dental Officer during the year. The dental caravan was renovated in 1949; and a part-time dental attendant was appointed.

A summary of the Dental Officer's work follows :-

Dental Inspection and Treatment.

Routine inspections	1727
Specials	1
	<u>1728</u>
Number found to require treatment	957
Number actually treated	679
Attendances made by pupils for treatment	1902
Half-days devoted to (a) Inspection	38½
(b) Treatment	149
Fillings:	
Permanent teeth	301
Temporary teeth	2
Extractions :	
Permanent teeth	70
Temporary teeth	560
Other Operations :	
Permanent teeth	65
Temporary teeth	122

HANDICAPPED PUPILS.

Partially Sighted

At Special Schools.

- 1 Ashwell girl (13.5.37). Condover Hall School Shrewsbury (since 4.5.48).
- 1 Pickworth girl (26.10.37). Barclay School, Sunninghill (since 14.1.49).
- 1 Uppingham boy (31.1.36). Birmingham Roy. Inst. for the Blind (since 1.10.45).
- 1 Braunston Boy (20.5.37). Leicester Stoneleigh School. (since 18.4.44).

At County Primary Schools.

- 1 Ketton girl (22.3.38) attending Tinwell Primary school.

Epileptic

At Special Schools.

- 1 Wing boy (23.4.34). Chalfont Colony, Bucks (since 27.4.49).
- 1 girl (19.8.36). Lingfield Epileptic Colony (since 36.4.47).

At County Primary Schools.

- 1 Empingham boy (9.8.38). Recommended admission to a Special School.

Physically Handicapped.

- 1 Greetham girl (6.4.37) Congenital heart disease. Attends Greetham Primary Sch.
- 1 Burley boy (6.7.36) At Cottesmore Secondary School. Recommended admission to a Special School.
- 1 Great Casterton Girl (4.8.43). Dislocated hip. Did not attend school as she was undergoing treatment.
- 1 Whissendine girl (16.5.38). Congenital dislocated hip. Attends Oakham Secondary School.

Handicapped Pupils (Contd.)

Educationally Subnormal.

11 boys and 14 girls, ascertained in previous years, continued to attend normal schools owing to the difficulty in securing vacancies in special schools.

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